

ROAD SAFETY IN THAILAND FOR FOREIGNERS



Essential Tips for Driving, Riding, and Walking Safely



Overview 2025

- Thailand's roads are complex and unpredictable.
- Higher risk during holiday seasons (Dec-Jan).

Road Accident Involving Foreigners in Thailand


579
deaths


32,352
injuries



89.5%
of accidents
involve motorcycles



CHECKLIST



Carry a valid International Driving Permit (IDP) or Thai license



Ensure insurance coverage



Wear helmet / seatbelt



Check vehicle condition



Plan your route in advance



Do not consume alcohol before or while driving

TRAFFIC RULES



Drive on the left-hand side



Follow traffic lights (stay alert for violations)



Some left turns allowed at red (check signs)



No mobile phone use while driving



Speed limits: 50-80 km/h (urban)
Follow posted speed limit signs carefully.



BAC limit
0.05% (adult)
0.02% (under 20 years)

TRAFFIC SIGN



Regulatory signs
Indicate traffic laws and restrictions that must be followed.



Mandatory signs
Instruct drivers to take specific actions to ensure safe traffic flow.



Warning signs
Alert drivers to potential hazards or changes in road conditions ahead.

Checklist for Road Safety in Thailand

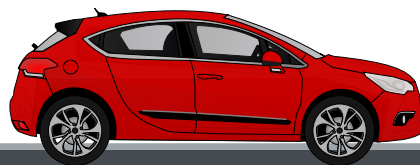
Motorcycle Safety

- Always wear a certified helmet
- Avoid high speeds, especially on unfamiliar roads
- Stay alert for vehicles changing lanes
- Be cautious when riding on uneven, sandy, or slippery roads
- Slow down when approaching curves or turns
- Avoid riding against traffic, even for short distances
- Ensure you have a valid driving license
- Stay visible, especially when riding at night



Driving Safety

- Drive on the left side of the road
- Follow speed limits and road signs
- Always use turn signals before turning or changing lanes
- Keep a safe following distance
- Watch for motorcycles filtering between lanes
- Be prepared for sudden stops or lane changes
- Stay alert at intersections and traffic lights
- Use the horn only as a warning signal



Pedestrian Safety

- Use crosswalks or pedestrian bridges whenever available
- Check traffic carefully from both directions before crossing
- Ensure vehicles have stopped before stepping onto the road
- Avoid crossing at unmarked or unsafe locations
- Stay alert on uneven or obstructed sidewalks
- Be extra cautious when walking at night
- Avoid walking too close to traffic lanes



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